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Russia. The medal and a draft for the annual interest on the fund were presented to the recipient of the recognition by Dr. Persifor Frazer, the Academy's representative at the 7th International Congress of Geologists, at a public session of the Congress. The Academy, as a member of the Congress, will receive its official publications.

A resolution protesting against the passage of a bill providing for the damming of the Delaware River was adopted March 30th, and transmitted to the Governor of New Jersey, who was not, however, deterred thereby from signing the bill. This and similar protests were heeded by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and, the measure being defeated at Harrisburg became inoperative, as the two States must agree on any action affecting the Delaware River.

Three deaths occurring during the year have rendered it sorrowfully memorable in the history of the Academy. The society has indeed suffered severe loss since 1891, when the death of Dr. Leidy left a vacancy in its working force which has not in any degree been filled. Since then eight members, distinguished as original investigators or able in the administration of its affairs, have died in rapid succession. The most recent of these, Edward D. Cope, Harrison Allen and George H. Horn, were recognized throughout the scientific world as of eminence in their several specialties, each in his degree added lustre to the work of the Academy, and each left on record substantial evidence of his interest in its welfare. Identified as these distinguished naturalists were with the Academy's activity as an agent of intellectual progress for more than thirty years, the immediate future is not likely to compensate for their loss.

During the attendance of the Recording Secretary at the Second International Library Conference in London, the duties of the office were satisfactorily performed by Mr. Wm. J. Fox.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the past year, commencing December 1, 1896, there have been received from one hundred and two societies, museums, libraries, etc., one hundred and ninety-seven acknowledgements of the receipt of publications of the Academy, and from thirty-six societies,

libraries, etc., forty-three notices that their publications have been forwarded to the Academy, together with twenty-five applications for exchange of publications and asking for deficiencies.

Twenty-one letters on various subjects have been received and twenty-six written. Fifteen circulars and invitations to the Academy to participate in Congresses or meetings, and announcements of the deaths of scientific men have been received, and when necessary acknowledged.

During the year two correspondents have been elected and notified.

The deaths of the following correspondents have been reported :

Auguste Louis Brot, of Geneva, Switzerland ; elected in 1887, died August 30, 1896.

Constantin von Ettingshausen, of Gratz, Austria ; elected in 1859, died February 1, 1897.

Rev. Samuel Haughton, of Dublin, Ireland ; elected in 1868, died November, 1897.

Johannes Japetus Smith Steenstrup, of Copenhagen, Denmark ; elected in 1878, died June 20, 1897.

Seven hundred and three acknowledgements for gifts to the library, and one hundred and ten acknowledgements for gifts to the museum have been forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. SHARP,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The total of additions made to the library of the Academy since the close of November, 1896, is 5,145. Of these 4,476 are pamphlets and parts of periodicals, 651 volumes, 15 maps and three photographs.

They have been received from the following sources :—

Societies, . . . . .	2,252	U. S. Dept. of the Interior, . . . . .	35
I. V. Williamson Fund, . . . . .	1,244	Charles P. Perot, . . . . .	28
Editors, . . . . .	896	Wilson Fund, . . . . .	20
Authors, . . . . .	219	Purchased . . . . .	19
Meigs Fund, . . . . .	154	Chas. E. Smith, . . . . .	14
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, . . . . .	57	H. A. Pilsbry, . . . . .	14
Pennsylvania State Library, . . . . .	46	U. S. Dept. of State, . . . . .	13